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House Resolution 101

By: Representative Smith of the 113<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Mr. John Davis and the patriots of the Davis family; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. John Davis was born in Gilmer County, Georgia, in 1880, and on March 9,
- 3 1909, he married Mary Wofford, who was born in Lumpkin County, Georgia, in 1889; and
- 4 WHEREAS, from this union, seven sons were born, and each one followed their father, who
- 5 served as master sergeant during the Spanish-American War and retired after 30 years of
- 6 service to his country, into military service; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the seven Davis brothers served a combined 160 years in the American military
- 8 services: J. Rue Davis was an army captain, Woodrow W. Davis was a sergeant in the army and
- 9 air force, Richard D. Davis served as master sergeant in the army and air force, Ceylon Davis
- 10 was a tech sergeant in the Marine Corps and army, James E. Davis was a staff sergeant in the
- Marine Corps and air force, and Douglas W. Davis was a private in the air force; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the proud tradition continued to the next generation, with grandsons and
- sons-in-law serving their country throughout the world; and
- 14 WHEREAS, James E. Davis is the last surviving Davis brother and, after serving in public
- 15 education for 25 years, retired to the Athens, Georgia, area; and
- WHEREAS, the Davis family motto is best expressed in a quote by Marine Corps veteran Zell
- 17 Miller, "If it is worth living here in this God-given land, it is worth putting your life on the line."
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the
- 19 members of this body express gratitude and admiration for John Davis and the men of the Davis
- 20 family for their sacrifices for their country.
- 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and
- directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to James E. Davis.